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country, who now wander in the mountains, except a small portion stopping with the Assiniboines. ✓

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Last winter a war party, composed of the Sioux of my agency and the Yancton Sioux, attacked the Gros Ventres and Mandans at their village, killing the Gros Ventre chief, Four Bears, and several others, and carrying off one hundred and seventy-five head of horses. The killing of Four Bears was by a Yancton Sioux and I demand reparation. These Yanctons have mills, farms, schools, shops, houses, oxen, and cows furnished them by the government; also receive annually \$65,000, and their pro rata interest under the Laramie treaty, with a population of 2,053 souls; while the Gros Ventres and Mandans number 1,120 and receive only \$20,418 82, and nothing else.

I demand, for the part these Yancton Sioux have taken in the matter, the amount coming to them under the Laramie treaty for the next four years, which 194 /shall be given to those people (the Gros Ventres and Mandans) to indemnify them for their property and the loss of their chief. ||

X Last winter they attacked a trading post in the interior belonging to the fur company, destroyed their buildings, carried off their goods, and pursued and wounded two men in charge. 61-2

Bear's Rib, chief of the Uncpapas, stated in council, in explanation of this act, that this was done by his people; he regretted it, but could not prevent it; that the fur company for the last two years had traded very hard with them, and his people became enraged, and consequently destroyed the company's property.

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